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by Chris Cillizza



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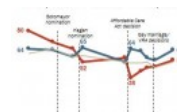
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The remarkable longevity of Henry Waxman — as told through 8 'Almanac of American Politics' photos

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California Democratic Rep. [Henry Waxman announced Thursday he won't be running for a 21st term](#) this November, bringing to an end a career in the House that has spanned 40 years and [produced scads of legislation](#).

It's hard to wrap your mind around just how long Waxman has spent walking the halls of the Capitol but we are going to try. Below are the eight different photos of Waxman that have been used in the biennial "Almanac of American Politics" aka the political junkies bible. ([Read our ode to the book.](#))

(Fun fact: In the pre-Fix period of my life -- yes, that was a thing -- I was a researcher on the 2000 Almanac along with [NBC's Chris Donovan](#) among others. One of the worst parts of that job was calling *every* Members' office and asking them for a new picture. If the picture in the previous edition was a good one, they wanted to keep it -- and we were not supposed to let them. If it was a bad one, they wanted to make clear how offended they were that "we" had used such a bad one. Those were the days....)

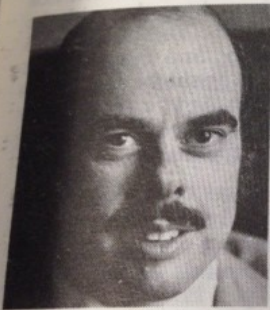
Without further ado, the story of Henry Waxman's last four decades in (profile) pictures.

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Presidential vote

1976	Ford (R)
	Carter (D)
1972	Nixon (R)
	McGovern (D)



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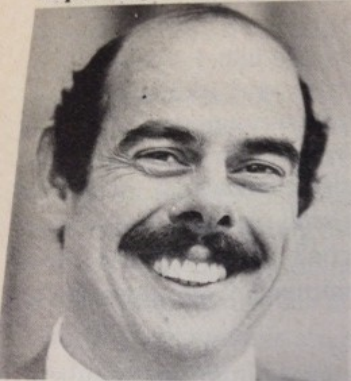
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976	84	86	96	56	100	91
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Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D) Elected 1974; b. Sept. 12, 1939,
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Delay MX Missile	FOR	8) Cap on Food Stmp
Nuclr Mortorium	FOR	9) New US Dep Edcat
Alaska Lands Bill	FOR	10) Cut OSHA \$

1984

Other

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Group Ratings

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1986

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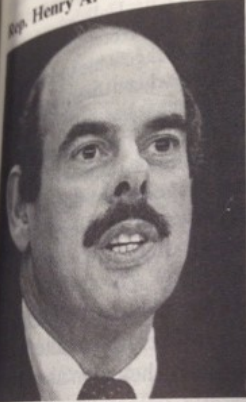
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Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D)



Elected 1974; b. Sep. 12, 1937
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Career: Practicing atty., 1964-1974

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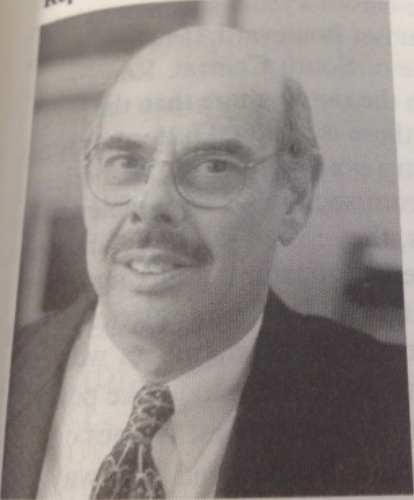
Committees: *Energy and Environment (Chmn.); Competitiveness, Government Resources and Intergovernmental and Monetary Affairs. Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care*

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	ADA	ACLU	COPE	CFA	LCV	A
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1989	100	—	89	88	90	

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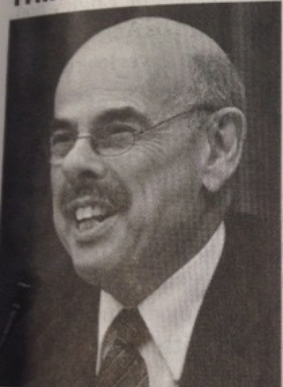
ADA ACLU AFS LCV CFA

2006

Schm... including efforts to secure nuclear materials in the former Sov... don't gain access to them. On local issues, he wants to expa... National Recreation Area. With neighboring Republican David... preserve the Mars surveyor program, which is based at the... Flintridge, just north of Pasadena.

Redistricting made the 29th District more Democratic, 2002 and 2004.

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Rep. Henry Waxman (D)

Elected 1974, 16th term; b. Sept. 1
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Elected Office: CA Assembly, 1


Professional Career: Practici

DC Office: 2204 RHOB, 20515
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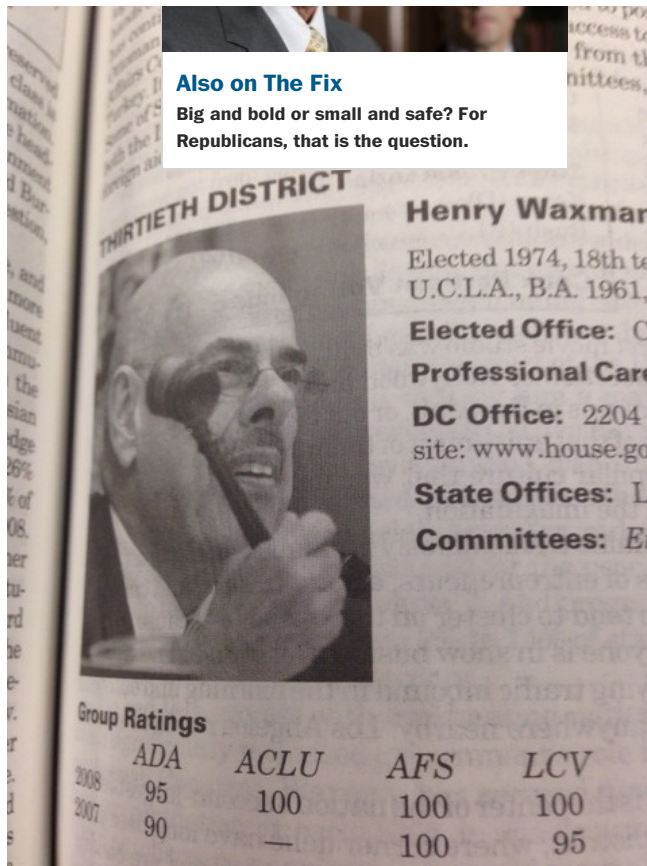
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2010



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Waxman has been an integral cog paving the way to our road to ruin. 40 years and nothing to show for his efforts, but he will still be handsomely rewarded as if he did in fact do something...

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Your comment displays your lack of understanding regarding the true role Waxman has played. You don't have to like his ideas to recognize that he has had a major impact on many important pieces of legislation during his tenure in Congress!

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1/31/2014 9:37 AM EST

His ideas as you so politely refer to them have nearly ruined America. Every member of congress during the past generation has a part in it...